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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action	Petition for Extension of Time
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[ ] Substitute Specification	[x] Letter to Draftsperson w/1 sheet of
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## LETTER TO DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2006, Applicants are submitting replacement drawings for Fig. 6, in which a textural label "DB" is being added into to each database element, and a broken line is being added between element 61 and element 64, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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